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H. R. 4085

To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide that decennial census questionnaires be limited to requesting only the information required by the Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2000

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON INFORMATION THAT MAY BE**
4 **REQUESTED ON CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141(a) of title 13, United
6 States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence and
7 inserting the following: “In connection with any such cen-
8 sus, the Secretary is authorized to request no information
9 aside from the number of individuals residing or staying

1 at a particular address or location, and the names of those
2 individuals.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 141(f) of
4 title 13, United States Code, is amended by striking the
5 matter following “census—” and inserting the following:

6 “(1) not later than 2 years before the appro-
7 priate census date, a report containing the Sec-
8 retary’s determination of the questions proposed to
9 be included in such census; and

10 “(2) after submission of a report under para-
11 graph (1) and before the appropriate census date, if
12 the Secretary finds new circumstances exist which
13 necessitate that the questions contained in a report
14 so submitted be modified, a report containing the
15 Secretary’s determination of the questions as pro-
16 posed to be modified.”.

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